

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) The combination of a first medical device and an adapter,
the combination comprising: An adapter of the type suitable for connection of medical
instruments or devices, said adapter comprising
a first medical device including a respiratory tube having an elliptical cross section;
an adapter including a body having a first end, a second end and a passage therethrough;
therethrough,
wherein said first end has an elliptical cross-section sized to connect internally to said
respiratory tube for connection of tubing having an elliptical cross section, and said second end
has a cross-section that differs from the cross-section of the first end, wherein the cross-section
of the ends are perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the body.
2. (Currently Amended) The combination adapter of claim 1 wherein said second
end has a circular cross-section for attachment of tubing.
3. (Currently Amended) The combination adapter of claim 1 further comprising
wherein at least one raised rib disposed longitudinally around an external portion of said first end
for positioning of said respiratory tube tubing about said first end.
4. (Currently Amended) The combination adapter of claim 1 wherein said body
further comprises a wall member disposed substantially centrally between said first end and said
second end and includes a passage therethrough.

5. (Currently Amended) The combination of a first medical device and an adapter, the combination comprising: An adapter of the type suitable for connection of medical instruments or devices, said adapter comprising

a first medical device including a respiratory tube having an elliptical cross section; an adapter including a body having a first end, a second end, a wall member disposed substantially centrally between said first end and said second end, and a passage therethrough; therethrough,
wherein said first end has an elliptical cross-section ~~for connection of tubing of a first type~~ and at least one raised rib disposed circumferentially around an external portion of said first end ~~for connection to said respiratory tube~~, and said second end has a circular cross-section for attachment of ~~another tube tubing of a second type~~, wherein said cross-sections of the ends are perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the body.

6. (New) The combination of claim 5 wherein said another tube is part of a second medical device.

7. (New) The combination of claim 5 wherein said passage gradually transitions from said first end to said second end.

8. (New) The combination of claim 1 wherein said passage gradually transitions from said first end to said second end.

9. (New) The combination of claim 2 wherein said tubing is part of a second medical device.